

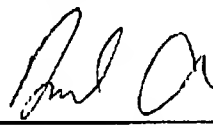
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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 and 15-21 are currently pending. The Examiner has indicated the allowability of these claims and notice of the same is respectfully requested. Applicant reserves the right to re-present the canceled claims in a subsequently filed continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,

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